operation!, reducing the administrative expenses and by better utilisation of men and machinery and introduction of better management practices and technology..

Contract for Kawas power project

*80. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;
SHRl A. G, KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to award the turn-key contract for the Rs. 340 crores gas-based power project at Kawas (Gujarat) to M|s. Alsthom of France; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there-negotiate the award of the contract to an negotiate the award of the conract to an alternative collaborator indicating the| details of the -possible alternatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) M|s. Als thom of France have not extended 'he period of validity of their offer for turn key execution of the Kawas gas-based com bined cycle power project of the National Thermal Power Corporation. Earlier, despite protracted discussion. agreement could not be reached with them on various terms and conditions of the contract. It is proposed by NTPC in consultation with the World Bank, to invits fresh bids from the parties who had originally submitted offers for turn-key execution of the projett

Petrochemical complex at Visakhapatnam

487. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mitsui of Japan has offered to set up a Petrochemicals Complex at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any selection of the Indian Partner in such a venture; and

(c) what is the financial outlay proposed and when the unit is likely to go on stream?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) M|s. Mitsui of Japan has offered to assist (M|s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. in the setting up of a petrochemical complex at Visakhapatnam. The Cor-portion have belen asked to undertake preliminary negotiations with M|s. Mitsui.

It ia too early to indicate the •financial outlay for such a complex and the time frame by which this complex will go on steam.

Joint sector company for the manufacture of telephone instruments.

488. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint sector company has been formed for the manufacture of telephone instruments, to be set up in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details regarding the production capacity envisaged, capital involved and the time of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up a joint venture company between Indian Telephone Industries Limited. Bangalore and AMTRON, Assam. The; capital cost and time of completion of the project are in the process of finalisation. The rated production capacity of the company is 1 lakh telephone instruments per annum.

Crude Oil production

489. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is slipping on the oil front with domestic crude production stagnant at about 30 million tonnes'annually and dependent on"

imports of crude oil as reported in the 'Times of India' dated 27th June, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the stag-nation; and

(d) what steps are to be taken or pro posed to be taken by Government to im prove the oil production in the country?

THE; MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATL RAL GAS (SHRL BRAHMA DUTT): (a) to (d) Production of crude oil has not beeen stagnant. Domestic crude production during the 7th Plan period will be considerably higher than during the 6th plan period. However, the degree of dependence on imported crude oil is increasing as the consumption of petroleum products is "rowing at a rate faster than the rate if increase in domestic production.

The following steps have been taken to increase crude production: —

(i) Intensification of exploration.

(ii) Intensification of work-over ope-rations.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

Induction of advanced techno-logy.

Relief for glass industry

490. SHRI. KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minisier of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for single window redressal of problems and clear ances for the glass industry; and

(b) whether any releief is being con templated for the glass industry? -

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has already introduced system of single window clearance in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals by setting up Project Approval Board for clearing composite cases of letters of intent, capital goods and foreign collaboration. Special Appr Committee (NR1) provides single window clearance in respect of NRI cases.

Similarly, there is single window clear ance in respect of DGTD registrations foi glass items which have been de-li under the Industrial Policy.

District Industries Centres which have been set up in 442 districts of the countrj aim at providing all the services and fad lities to the entrepreneurs at one plac for setting up small and village Industrie including glass industry.

(b) As a part of the Union budget 1988, the basic Central Excise duty on Glassware manufactured by semi-automcti process was reduced from 40 per cent tu 30 per cent *ad valorem* by notification 67/88-CE dated 1-3-1988. The excise.. Inf. on glas$_s$ tableware used by the comm man, namely, Jugs, cups, plates; drinkii glasses and bowls was also reduced to *2* per cent or 25 per cent *adv.,* depenture on the process of manufacture. by same notification.

Public sector units in Tripura

491. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there negligible growth of industry in Nor' Eastern region, particularly in Tripura and

(b) what are the details of industr set up in the State so far, licence in of which have been issued by the Cent Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No. Sir, The total investmenet in terms of Gro